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**Report of Meeting, May 28th, 1885, in Asheville,
North Carolina.**

During the session of the Diocesan Convention at Asheville, last May, a very interesting meeting of the North Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held.

The Asheville branch had invited the General Secretary, Miss Emery, and delegates from all the North Carolina branches.

The Bishop appointed Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Jr., to preside over the meeting. A heavy rain, which began to fall at the hour appointed for the meeting, prevented many from attending, but at least forty women, and sixty or seventy clergy, delegates, and visitors were present. After prayer, and singing the Missionary Hymn, the Chairman made a few introductory remarks. The annual report of the North Carolina branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was read. This showed that the parish branches, in almost every instance, reported an increase of contributions over the preceding year, the decrease in the total amount being due to the withdrawal of three branches in East Carolina. So that, although small and feeble, the North Carolina Auxiliary showed life and growth.

The General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, Miss Emery, was then introduced by the Chairman, and made a very interesting address. After telling of the recent formation of a Diocesan Branch in South Carolina, she related some in

stances of the growth of Missions. She told of the gifts from some Mission schools for other Missions, showing how the knowledge of the love of Christ impels even the poor Indian and Chinese children to give their mites to help carry the Blessed Gospel to souls living in darkness. Mention was made of the Fanny Paddock Memorial Hospital in Tacoma, Washington Territory, and of the Hospital in China, both aided largely by the Auxiliary, and both tending to aid and encourage the efforts of the Church and her ministers.

Miss Emery told of the urgent need of a similar Hospital in Japan, and of the efforts being made in the Auxiliary towards its establishment. She spoke of the various ways in which the Woman's Auxiliary aids the Board of Missions and promotes Church work. She told of the many calls for assistance, and suggested how women can help, and the best way to direct their work. She called attention to some Church institutions in North Carolina needing help, mentioning the Hospitals in Raleigh and Charlotte; St Augustine's College for colored men and women in Raleigh; colored schools; mission work in our mountains and elsewhere; and scholarships in foreign fields, maintained in North Carolina.

She advised that while help should be given to Diocesan objects, a helping hand should be stretched out to Domestic and Foreign Missions, urging that with increased knowledge of Missionary work, would come increase of interest and of contributions towards it.

After this address, the Chairman called on the Rev. A. Toomer Porter, of South Carolina, to speak to the meeting. Dr. Porter first told about what some women are doing in England, speaking of that which he had personally known and seen; how women of the highest rank and culture interested themselves in the religious education and improvement of the poor and ignorant, and how devotedly they pursued this object. He went on to tell about some of his labors in Charleston, S. C., and of how women can aid and carry on these works in the Church. He concluded by exhorting to perseverance in Church work.

The meeting was then dismissed. The eight parish branches of the North Carolina Auxiliary were all represented by lady delegates, and several other parishes had representatives.

The officers of the Asheville branch arranged to hold an informal re-union on the following day, Friday, May 29th.

At 12:30 P. M., about sixty-five women met in the Library rooms. Miss Emery addressed them, and urged upon them some works of special interest. The Diocesan Secretary informed them of a proposition made by the Tarborough Auxiliary that several branches should unite to maintain a scholarship in St. Agnes' School, Osaka, Japan, to be called "the Bishop Atkinson Memorial" scholarship. Miss Emery read a letter from Japan on this subject, and requested the delegates present to refer the question to their respective branches.

Delegates were present from Asheville, Charlotte, Elkin, Hillsborough, Leaksville, Lincolnton, Pittsborough and Tarborough, and representatives from St. Mary's Raleigh, Wadesborough, Shufordsville, Waynesville, Salisbury and probably others.

Several matters of interest were discussed, and then the meeting dispersed; all feeling encouraged by the interest manifested, and by the cordial, friendly greetings of those, who living far apart, are yet joined together in loving labors for Christ and His Church.

MRS JOHN WILKES,
Diocesan Secretary.

Report of Meeting Held at Tarborough May 20th, 1886.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, was held in Tarborough on May 20th, 1886. Representatives from several parishes were present, forming, with the Tarborough Auxiliary, an audience of about fifty women. Only Edenton and Greensborough sent delegates.

The Rev. Wm. S. Bynum, by request of the Tarborough Auxiliary, opened the meeting with prayer, and then the Missionary Hymn was sung. Mr. Bynum made a short, practical address, telling what the energy and self-devotion of a small band of Churchwomen has accomplished, and is now doing, in his remote, mountain parish; and urging on all present the duty of a like effort.

After the address, the minutes of the meeting held in Ashe-

ville, May 28th, 1885, were read, and the Diocesan Secretary read the report of the North Carolina Branch for the past year.

The meeting then adjourned to listen to the Bishop's annual address to the Diocesan Convention.

On reassembling for business, May 21st. but few were present. The delegate from Edenton reported that that Auxiliary desired to withdraw from the N. C. Branch, as the formation of a Diocesan Branch for East Carolina was in contemplation.

The subject of a fuller and more formal organization, and the necessity for more officers to aid the work, was then discussed, and the Secretary read some rules of organization, prepared from those of other Diocesan Auxiliaries. As only Tarborough was represented at this time, it was thought best not to adopt the Rules, but to have them printed, so that the parish branches may consider them, and be prepared to adopt or alter them at the next Annual Meeting.

The Secretary then presented a plan proposed by the General Secretary, Miss Emery, for more general and systematic offerings to the cause of Missions. After mentioning the large amount required before the 1st of September, 1886, to enable the Board of Missions to fulfil its promises to Missionary Bishops and Clergy, and to carry on work already begun: this plan urges each member of the Auxiliary, and each female communicant as far as they can be reached, to set up a Mite Box in her own house, and to drop therein, day by day, or week by week, such sum as she may feel able and willing to give, above and beyond all other Church or Mission work—at least, 1 cent a week.

On August 15th to 20th, these boxes must be opened, and the contents sent to the Diocesan Secretary at Charlotte, N. C., for transmission to 21 Bible House, New York.

Mite Boxes will be furnished on application to Miss Emery, 21 Bible House, New York; or Mrs. Wilkes Charlotte, N. C.

It is hoped and urged, that this plan once begun will be continued year after year. If each female communicant in North Carolina would conscientiously give even 1 cent a week, it would amount to over one thousand dollars a year, a sum that would greatly aid the Mission work.

The plan was favorably received, and the Secretary of Tarborough Auxiliary was asked to procure and distribute Mite Boxes as soon as possible.

It was also resolved that the appointment of Assistant Secretaries was much needed, and that the Deans of the four Convocations should be asked to appoint one in each Convocation

Some very interesting letters from Missions in Dakota, China and Japan were read, and the meeting then adjourned.

MRS. JOHN WILKES.

Diocesan Secretary.

REPORT

OF

DIOCESAN SECRETARY,

May 20th, 1886.

During the year just passed, from April 1st, 1885, to April 1st, 1886, six parish Auxiliaries have joined the North Carolina Branch, adding 115 members to our number.

These are from Grace Church, Morganton,

St. Barnabas, Greensborough,

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.

St. Mary's School Raleigh.

Alpha Sigma Society of St. Mary's, Raleigh.

White Haven, Lincoln County.

Two of these are recently organized, and make no report this year.

Besides these, two other parishes have contributed to Missions through the Diocesan Secretary, but they have no regular organization, or prefer not to unite with the Diocesan Branch at present.

We have reason therefore to rejoice in added numbers, and to feel that the interest in this kind of woman's work is extending amongst us. The total amount contributed has fallen off somewhat, but this year, with increased numbers, surely we will all be encouraged to do more.

The effort made since last May to raise \$40 a year, to maintain a scholar in St. Agnes School, Osaka, Japan, was checked because

we were informed that this school was full, and could take no more scholars at present. So with the assent of the parties contributing, the amount collected, which was \$25, was sent to Miss Emery, and was applied to aid the Hospital at Tokio, Japan. This Hospital is being built chiefly by the Woman's Auxiliary, and money for its erection and maintenance is still greatly needed.

If the North Carolina parishes choose to unite to maintain a scholarship, as a memorial of the late Bishop Atkinson, whose memory is so justly dear to us all, such help is greatly needed in the China and African Missions. The General Secretary asks for such aid, and I should be glad to receive any sums for this purpose. An object of this kind in which a number of parishes could unite, would promote mutual interest and affection. In other dioceses such special objects are usually selected at the annual meeting, and each parish branch gives what it can towards the whole amount needed.

Let us be thankful for what we have been able to do in the past year and let us commence this one with the prayer that we may be enabled to do still more, and the determination to make more self-denying efforts to help on the Mission work of the Church.

We report this year sixteen parish branches, and two parishes contributing, but not regularly connected with the Diocesan branch.

Last year we reported ten.

This year we have three hundred and thirty seven members.

Last year we had but one hundred and seventy-six.

This year the contributions have been, for

Foreign Missions.	\$ 135 75
General Missions,.....	103 92
Domestic Missions.....	25 20
Diocesan Missions.....	161 60
8 Boxes, (which were chiefly for Diocesan Missions)	
valued at	200 35
Central Fund.....	18 50
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Making the total amount,.....	\$ 645 32
Of the Central Fund, there was a balance last April of. \$	2 70
Collected since.....	18 50
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	\$ 21 20

The Postage account is.....	\$ 7 00
Printing will be about \$12 or \$13.....	13 00

So that there will be enough to meet these expenses and perhaps a small balance remaining.

All of our Auxiliaries have a great deal of parish work to do, the amount of which would surprise us all if it could be fully reported. This of course renders it difficult for them to give to Mission work as largely as they would otherwise gladly do. But again, let us take courage, and remember the power of *little* things; that even a cup of water given in our Saviour's name and for His sake, may earn His approving reward. We cannot now estimate the results of work done "in the name of the Lord Jesus," but He will bless, both to the giver and to the receiver, all efforts made with an humble desire to work for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN WILKES,

Diocesan Sec. Wo. Aux. in N. C.

Asheville Branch.

President—MRS. J. G. MARTIN.

First Vice-President—MRS. KEPLER.

Second Vice-President—MRS. McCaPE.

Third Vice-President—MRS. JOHNSTONE JONES

Secretary & Treasurer—MISS F. L. PATTON.

Members 40.

Foreign Missions, Scholarship, China.....	\$40 00
Tokio Hospital, Japan.....	5 00 \$ 45 00
Diocesan Missions.....	50 00
General Missions.....	9 00
Central Fund.....	2 50
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	\$106 50

Charlotte Branch.*President* REV. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, JR.*Secretary & Treasurer*—MISS EMMA DRAYTON.

Members 40.

Foreign Missions, Tokio Hospital, Japan,	\$ 1 00	
Education Fund.....	20 75	\$ 21 75
Domestic Missions, cash to Bishop Tuttle.....	\$20 00	
1 Box and expressage to Logan, Utah, val. 17 75		37 75
General Missions.....		28 65
Diocesan Missions.....		11 40
Central Fund.....		2 15
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		\$101 70

Chapel Hill Branch.*President*—MRS. K. P. BATTLE.*Secretary & Treasurer*—MISS M. S. MANNING.

Members 9.

General Missions.....	\$ 5 00
Diocesan Missions	25 00
Central Fund.....	90
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	\$30 90

Edenton Branch.*President*—REV. R. B. DRANE.*Vice-President*—MISS E. WILLIAMS.*Secretary & Treasurer*—MISS M. F. SKINNER.

Members 25.

General Missions.....	\$ 6 67
Foreign Missions, Tokio Hospital.....	5 00
Central Fund.....	90
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	\$12 57

Elkin Branch.*President*—MRS. A. B. GALLOWAY.

Members 6.

Foreign missions. Tokio Hospital.....	\$ 5 00
Domestic missions.....	5 20
Diocesan missions, 1 box value	16 00
Central Fund.....	60
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	\$26 80

Fayetteville Branch.*President*—MRS. J. B. STARR.*Treasurer*—MRS. J. C. HAIGH.*Secretary*—MISS C. G. MALLET.

Members 15.

Diocesan missions, cash.....	\$ 5 00
1 Box, value.....	38 00
Central Fund.....	1 50
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	\$44 50

Greensborough Branch.*President*—MRS. J. N. STAPLES.*1st Vice-President*—MRS. R. P. DICK.*2d* " " MRS. T. B. KEOGH.*3d* " " MRS. GEO. REED.*4th* " " MISS SALLIE COLE.*Secretary*—MRS. W. S. BALL.*Treasurer*—MRS. W. B. BOGERT.

Members 18.

Organized March 12th, 1886; so makes no report of work yet.

Hillsborough Branch.*President*—MRS. JAMES WEBB.*Vice-President*—MRS. THOMAS RUFFIN.*Treasurer*—MRS. WM. B. HAYES.*Secretary*—MISS ANNIE S. NASH.

Members 27.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 22 30
Central Fund.....	2 10
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	\$ 24 40

Lincolnton Branch.*President*—MRS. WM. HOKE.*Secretary*—MISS S. B. HOKE.*Treasurer*—MISS KATE CURTIS

Members 11.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value....	\$ 25 00
Central Fund.....	65
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	\$ 25 65

Leaksville Branch.*President*—MISS ANNIE E. JOHNS.*Secretary*—MISS A. L. SMITH.*Treasurer*—MISS L. Y. JOHNS.

Members 6.

General Missions.....	\$ 5 00
Diocesan Missions.....	50
Central Fund.....	60
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	\$ 6 10

Morganton Branch.*President*—REV. S. P. WATTERS.*Secretary & Treasurer*—MRS. M. R. COLLETT.*Assistant Sec. & Treas.*—MISS EMMA TATE.

Members 10.

Foreign Missions, Tokio Hospital, Japan.....	\$ 3 00
Central Fund.....	1 00
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	\$ 4 00

Pittsborough Branch.*President*—MRS. L. J. HAUGHTON.*Sec. & Treas.*—MRS. R. R. IHRIE.

Members 12.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$13 70
Central fund.....	1 20
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	\$14.90

Raleigh, St. Mary's School.*President*—MRS. IREDELL.*Sec. & Treas.*—MISS KATE MCKIMMON.

Members, about 50.

Foreign Missions, Shanghai, China, Aldert Smedes Scholarship.....	\$40 00
Diocesan Missions.....	40 00
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	\$80 00

Raleigh, Alpha Sigma Society, St. Mary's School.

Lately organized for mission work.

President—MISS L. C. BANES.

Vice President—MISS S. S. ERWIN.

Secretary—MISS A. C. HUMPHREY.

Treasurer—MISS A. WILLIAMS.

Members 22.

Tarborough Branch.

President—REV. J. B. CHESHIRE, D. D.

Vice-President—MRS. WM. HOWARD.

Secretary—MRS. M. WEDDELL.

Treasurer—MISS A. C. PARKER.

Members 40.

Foreign missions, Tokio Hospital, Japan.....	\$ 10 00
General Missions	\$ 40 00
Diocesan Missions, Cash.....	\$16 00
1 Box, value.....	48 75
To St. John's Hospital, Raleigh, 1 Box, value...	7 55
St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, 1 Box, value.....	25 00
Central fund.....	4 00
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	\$151 30

White Haven Branch.

President—MRS. L. E. JOHNSTON.

Members 6.

Foreign Missions, Tokio Hospital.....	\$3 00
General Missions.....	5 60
Central Fund.....	40
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	\$9 00

Parishes Contributing through Woman's Auxiliary.**STATESVILLE.**

General Missions ..	\$4 00
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HENDERSON.

Foreign Missions, Tokio Hospital.....	\$3 00
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PARISH.	No. Members	Central Fund.	MISSIONS.				Number of boxes sent.	Value.	Total Amount from each Parish.
			Foreign	General.	Domestic.	Diocesan.			
Asheville.....	40	\$ 2 50	\$ 45 00	\$ 9 00	\$.....	\$ 50 00	.....	\$.....	\$106 50
Charlotte	40	2 15	21 75	23 65	20 00	11 40	1	17 75	101 70
Chapel Hill	9	90	.....	5 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	30 90
Edenton	25	90	5 00	6 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 57
Elkin.....	6	60	5 00	.....	5 20	.....	1	16 00	26 80
Fayetteville	15	1 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00	1	38 00	44 50
Greensboro*	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	27	2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	23 30	24 40
Lincolnton.....	11	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25 00	25 65
Leaksville.....	6	60	.....	5 00	.....	50	.....	.....	6 10
Morganton	10	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Pittsboro	12	1 20	.....	.....	.....	13 70	.....	.....	14 90
Raleigh, St. Mary's	50	.....	40 00	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	80 00
Raleigh, Alpha Sigma*	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tarboro	40	4 00	10 00	40 00	.....	16 00	3	81 30	151 30
Henderson.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
White Haven	6	40	3 00	5 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Statesville.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 60
	337	\$ 18 50	\$135 75	\$103 92	\$ 25 20	\$161 60	8	\$200 35	\$645 32

* Recently organized—no report.

RULES

Proposed for the Better Organization of the N. C. Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.

1.—This organization shall be called the NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

2.—Its objects are, by means of union and systematic effort, to diffuse missionary intelligence; to increase missionary activity among the women of the Diocese; to unite previously existing societies; and to encourage the formation of societies where there are none.

3.—All parish societies, and all individuals desiring it, will be considered members of this Association.

4.—The officers of this Association shall be a Diocesan Secretary, (to be appointed by the Bishop, or elected at the annual meeting, as may be decided at the next annual meeting,) and an Assistant Secretary in each Convocation, to be appointed by the Dean.

5.—The Diocesan Secretary shall call meetings and preside over them; shall correspond with the General Secretary and the Missionaries, and find out where help is needed, and of what kind; shall inform the parish Secretaries, and arrange about their work, so that a general oversight of the work may be kept by one person. She shall prepare an annual report for circulation in the Diocese; shall receive and forward all money offerings and shall keep account of all money and articles contributed for missionary purposes by the parish branches or by individuals, and shall embody a full account of this work in the annual report.

6.—The assistant Secretaries shall try to increase missionary spirit in their respective Convocations, by arousing the women

to greater efforts in working for missionaries, and raising money for the cause; and by diffusing intelligence concerning the missionary work of the Church. They are to search out the scattered families and individuals belonging to the Church, and try to interest them in missionary work. And to correspond with the parish Secretaries and Diocesan Secretary in regard to missionary work. The Assistant Secretaries are authorized to hold meetings in their own Convocation, whenever they consider it desirable.

7.—The Secretaries of the parish branches shall correspond with the Diocesan Secretary, transmit the information received from her to their respective parish branches, and shall report to her by April 1st, in each year, an account of the work done by their parish.

8.—Each parish shall send one or more delegates to the annual meeting, if possible.

9.—There shall be a meeting of this Association each year, during the session of the Diocesan Convention.

10.—Five persons shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

11.—To provide for the expenses of the Diocesan officers, in postage, stationery, and printing, or other matters, a contribution of 10 cents a year shall be asked from each member of the Woman's Auxiliary in North Carolina, to be collected by each parish Secretary and forwarded to Diocesan Secretary by the 1st of April.

